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Forest, BLM Map Prices to Increase

PORTLAND, Ore. – (Nov. 15, 2013) - The price of most hard-copy Pacific Northwest Recreation Series, Wilderness, Ranger District, and Special Area maps will increase January 1, 2014, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management announced today. This is the first price increase for these maps in seven years.

Meanwhile, purchasing maps is becoming easier through online, retail outlet, and credit card options.

The current price of hard-copy Pacific Northwest Recreation Series, Wilderness, Ranger District, and Special Area maps was established in 2007. Since then, costs to produce, distribute, and print maps have increased. Some Forest Service and BLM map prices will remain unchanged.

The new price for most hard copy Pacific Northwest Recreation Series, Wilderness, Ranger District, and Special Area maps will be \$9 for paper and \$10 for plastic.

Customers can purchase maps online or by phone through the *National Forest Store* <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/>, online through *Discover Your Northwest* <http://www.discovernw.org/>, and at Forest Service offices in Oregon and Washington. Most Forest Service offices can now accept credit cards.

Hard-copy Pacific Northwest Recreation Series, Wilderness, Ranger District, and Special Area maps are also available at commercial retail outlets, though prices may be higher.

The Forest Service and BLM continually update maps. Historically, maps have been updated—or revised—every 15-20 years. The agencies expect to shorten the revision cycle to every 5-10 years as cartographers continue to apply new digital technology to the map revision process.

Digital versions of some maps for mobile applications are available through the *Avenza* map store. <http://www.avenza.com/pdf-maps/store> Digital maps are \$4.99 per side; many maps have two sides. The agencies are working to increase the availability of digital maps.

Maps may be purchased at their current prices before the increase takes effect Jan. 1, 2014.

The mission of the US Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Recreational activities on our lands contribute \$14.5 billion annually to the U.S. economy. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and



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enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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